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Death and disability benefits

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The information contained in the annex to the present note is submitted pursuant to General Assembly decision 54/459 B as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report (A/54/782).

2. In accordance with those recommendations, the present note summarizes the progress made in 2000 in processing death and disability claims under both the old (national legislation) and new (ex gratia) regimes, taking into account that the backlog of claims received before 19 May 1997 has been eliminated. The information contained in table C of the annex reflects the number of expected claims.

3. In the last quarterly report, dated 31 December 1999, 263 claims were pending. The Secretary-General, in his note dated 28 January 2000 (A/C.5/54/47), indicated that the 263 claims pending at 31 December 1999 included 19 claims from the backlog in respect of periods prior to 19 May 1997. During 2000, 145 claims were received and 318 claims were processed, with 90 claims pending at the end of the year. The 19 claims from the backlog were cleared during 2000 and are not included in the 90 claims pending at 31 December 2000. The progress made in processing claims in 2000 is illustrated in the annex by country (table A) and by peacekeeping operation (table B).

4. In its report, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recommended that the information contained in the tables be more complete and include the dollar amounts involved. The information by country and by mission is reported without a dollar value, however. As claims are submitted in different currencies and are subject to fluctuations of the exchange rate, It is not feasible to give a dollar value for each claim. Furthermore, deductions or additions may be made to the originally claimed amount, creating a difference between the

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amount claimed and the amount paid. In the light of these factors, the Secretariat is of the opinion that the inclusion of dollar amounts for claims processed and claims available for processing would give a misleading description of the value of pending claims. Since the performance report for each peacekeeping mission already provides the expenditures for death and disability claims, that information is not reproduced in the present note.

5. A comparison of the total number of casualties reported by peacekeeping operation and the related number of claims submitted to the Secretariat is provided in table C of the annex.

Annex

Death and disability claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 31 December 2000

A. Annual report for the year 2000 by country

Country	*Claims pending as at 1 January 2000*	*Claims received in 2000*	*Claims processed in 2000*[a]	*Claims pending as at 31 December 2000*
Australia	-	1	1	-
Austria	11	19	24	6
Bangladesh	10	1	11	-
Brazil	2	-	2	-
Canada	36	-	36	-
Denmark	9	20	2	27
Fiji	-	4	3	1
Finland	-	40	38	2
France	2	19	14	7
Ghana	-	1	-	1
Ireland	-	1	1	-
Jordan	11	3	13	1
Malaysia	18	-	18	-
Morocco	82	-	82	-
Namibia	-	4	3	1
Nepal	-	2	-	2
Nigeria	-	8	-	8
Pakistan	-	1	1	-
Poland	19	-	15	4
Russian Federation	1	-	1	-
Sweden	-	17	17	-
Spain	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	3	-	3	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12	-	12	-
Uruguay	-	3	1	2
Zambia	47	1	20	28
Total	**263**	**145**	**318**	**90**

[a] The number of claims processed includes claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

B. Annual report for the year 2000 by mission

Mission	*Claims pending as at 1 January 2000*	*Claims received in 2000*	*Claims processed in 2000*[a]	*Claims pending as at 31 December 2000*
MONUA	-	3	2	1
ONUMOZ	22	-	22	-
UNAMIR	7	-	2	5
UNAMSIL	-	10	1	9
UNAVEM	25	6	6	25
UNCRO	1	13	1	13
UNDOF	17	13	23	7
UNFICYP	3	5	8	-
UNIFIL	3	39	35	7
UNIKOM	2	1	2	1
UNMIH	7	-	7	-
UNOSOM	98	-	98	-
UNPREDEP	-	5	4	1
UNPROFOR	58	46	84	20
UNSMIH	8	-	8	-
UNTAC	5	-	5	-
UNTAES	7	-	7	-
UNTAET	-	4	3	1
Total	**263**	**145**	**318**	**90**

[a] The number of claims processed includes claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

C. Total number of casualties reported and claims submitted for incidents occurring from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000[a]

(as at 31 December 2000)

Mission	Fatalities			Injuries and illness			Total		
	Notification of casualty received	*No. of claims received*	*No. of claims expected*[b]	*Notification of casualty received*	*No. of claims received*	*No. of claims expected*[c]	*Notification of casualty received*	*No. of claims received*	*No. of claims expected*
MINURCA	2	2	-	1	-	1	3	2	1
MINURSO	2	1	1	5	1	4	7	2	5
MONUA	9	7	2	26	1	25	35	8	27
UNAMIR	6	6	-	23	11	12	29	17	12
UNAMSIL	18	7	11	74	-	74	92	7	85
UNAVEM	26	12	14	56	9	47	82	21	61
UNCRO	16	7	9	54	28	26	70	35	35
UNDOF	3	2	1	9	5	4	12	7	5
UNFICYP	3	-	3	9	-	9	12	-	12
UNIFIL	33	17	16	292	7	285	325	24	301
UNIKOM	5	4	1	22	2	20	27	6	21
UNMEE			-				-	-	
UNMIH	5	2	3	13	1	12	18	3	15
UNMIK			-				-	-	
UNOSOM		-	-	3	-	3	3	-	3
UNPREDEP	3	3	-	13	1	12	16	4	12
UNPROFOR	64	34	30	352	102	250	416	136	280
UNSMIH		-	-	7	6	1	7	6	1
UNTAES	9	1	8	64	14	50	73	15	58
UNTAET	9	2	7	23	-	23	32	2	30
Total	**213**	**107**	**106**	**1 046**	**188**	**858**	**1 259**	**295**	**964**

[a] As the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations restrict availability of obligated funds to five years, only notification of casualty received in the past five years are included.

[b] From past experience, it is possible to assume that death claims for all fatalities will be submitted.

[c] Based on past experience, permanent disability claims are received for only 20 per cent of the injuries and illnesses reported. On this basis, from the 858 notification of casualty reports received for which claims are yet to be submitted, approximately 172 final claims are expected to be received.